



CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

DEPARTMENTAL PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATION FOR CALIFORNIA STATE EMPLOYEES

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER TO ALL REGARDLESS OF RACE, COLOR, CREED, NATIONAL ORIGIN, ANCESTRY, SEX, MARITAL STATUS, DISABILITY, RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL AFFILIATION, AGE OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION.

IT IS AN OBJECTIVE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO ACHIEVE A DRUG-FREE WORK PLACE. ANY APPLICANT FOR STATE EMPLOYMENT WILL BE EXPECTED TO BEHAVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS OBJECTIVE BECAUSE THE USE OF ILLEGAL DRUGS IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE, THE RULES GOVERNING CIVIL SERVICE, AND THE SPECIAL TRUST PLACED IN PUBLIC SERVANTS.

STAFF COUNSEL III (SPECIALIST)

EXAM CODE: 7AR17

HOW TO APPLY

Applications are available and may be filed in person with or mailed to:

AIR RESOURCES BOARD
Personnel/Examination Section
1001 "I" Street/P.O. Box 2815
Sacramento, CA 95812

DO NOT SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD

If you have a disability and need special testing arrangements, mark the appropriate box on the application form. You will be contacted to make specific arrangements.

FINAL FILING DATE: June 8, 2007

Applications (Form 678) must be **POSTMARKED** no later than the final filing date. Applications postmarked, personally delivered or received via interagency mail after the final filing date will not be accepted for any reason.

SALARY RANGE: \$7682 - \$9478

COMPETITION LIMITED TO STATE EMPLOYEES

Applicants must have a permanent civil service appointment with the Air Resources Board within the past three years and/or the final filing date.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMITTANCE TO THE EXAMINATION

NOTE: All applicants must meet the education and/or experience requirements for this examination by the final filing date.

Experience applicable to one of the following patterns may be combined on a proportional basis with experience applicable to the other to meet the total experience requirement. Experience in California state service applied toward "Pattern II" must include the same number of years of qualifying experience as required in "Pattern I" performing the duties at a level of responsibility equivalent to that described in "Pattern I".

In addition, all candidates must have membership in The State Bar of California. (Applicants must have active membership in The State Bar before they will be eligible for appointment.)
AND

EITHER I

Two years of experience in the California state service performing legal duties* at a level of responsibility equivalent to Staff Counsel, Range D. (Applicants who have completed 18 months of the required experience will be admitted to the examination, but must complete two years of such experience before they will be eligible for appointment.)

OR II

Broad and extensive experience (more than six years) in the practice of law*.

* Experience in the "practice of law" or "performing legal duties" is defined as only that legal experience acquired after admission to The Bar.

THE POSITION

Under general supervision, Staff Counsel III (Specialist) are experts in a broad or exceedingly complex area of law and have demonstrated the capacity to effectively perform the most sensitive and complex legal work of the department in which they are employed, consistently producing favorable results. A Staff Counsel III (Specialist) works with broad discretion and independence with minimal supervision on the most difficult and complex litigation, negotiation, legislative liaison, hearings, legal research, opinion drafting and other legal tasks. Incumbents are expected to develop strategy and tactics in the most complex disputes or litigation and may act in a lead capacity over lower level attorney staff.

A position exists in Sacramento.

EXAMINATION INFORMATION

If conditions warrant, this examination may utilize an evaluation of each candidate's experience and education compared to a standard developed from the class specification. For this reason, it is **especially important** that each candidate take special care in accurately and completely filling out their application. List **all** experience relevant to the "Requirements for Admittance to the Examination" shown on this announcement, even if that experience goes beyond the seven-year limit printed on the application. When completing the application include "to" and "from" dates (month/day/year), time base, civil service class titles and/or job titles from the private sector, relevant college or trade school education, certificates, licenses, etc., name(s) or institution(s) and completion dates. **Please read the "Requirements for Admittance to the Examination" carefully** to see what kind of information will be useful to the staff doing the evaluation.

SCOPE:

In addition to evaluating the competitors' relative abilities as demonstrated by quality and breadth of experience, emphasis will be measured competitively, relative to job demands, based on each of the competitors:

A. Knowledge of:

1. Legal principles and their application.
2. Legal research methods.
3. Court procedures.
4. Rules of evidence and procedure.
5. Administrative law and the conduct of proceedings before administrative bodies.
6. Legal terms and forms in common use.
7. Statutory and case law literature and authorities.
8. Provisions of laws and Government Code sections administered or enforced.

B. Ability to:

1. Analyze complex and difficult legal principles and precedents and apply them to difficult and complex legal and administrative problems.
2. Perform exceptionally difficult and complex legal research.

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

STAFF COUNSEL III (SPECIALIST)

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3. Prepare and present statements of fact, law, and argument clearly and logically in written and oral form.
4. Draft complex and difficult opinions, pleadings, rulings, regulations and legislation.
5. Negotiate effectively and conduct crucial litigation.
6. Work cooperatively with a variety of individuals and organizations and maintain the confidence and respect of others.
7. Work effectively under pressure.

ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION

A departmental eligible list will be established for the California Air Resources Board. The list will be abolished 12 months after it is established unless the needs of the service and conditions of the list warrant a change in this period.

VETERANS PREFERENCE CREDITS and **CAREER CREDITS** are not granted in promotional examinations.

GENERAL INFORMATION

"The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our web-site at www.arb.ca.gov."

It is the candidate's responsibility to contact the Air Resources Board, Exam Analyst, **Martha Zarate** at (916) 327-2954 three days prior to the written test date if they have not received their notice.

For an examination without a written feature it is the candidate's responsibility to contact the Air Resources Board Exam Analyst, **Martha Zarate** (916) 327-2954 three weeks after the final filing date if they have not received a progress notice.

If a candidate's notice of oral interview or performance test fails to reach them prior to the day of the interview due to a verified postal error, they will be scheduled upon written request.

Applications are available at the State Personnel Board offices, local offices of the Employment Development Department, the Air Resources Board and at SPB's website @ <http://www.spb.ca.gov>.

If you meet the requirements stated on the reverse, you may take this examination, which is competitive. Possession of the entrance requirements does not assure a place on the eligible list. Your performance in the examination described on the other side of this bulletin will be compared with the performance of the others who take this test, and all candidates who pass will be ranked according to their scores.

The Air Resources Board reserves the right to revise the examination plan to better meet the needs of the service if the circumstances under which the examination was planned change. Such revision will be in accordance with civil service law and rules and all competitors will be notified.

Examination Locations: When a written test is part of the examination, it will be given in such places in California as the number of candidates and conditions warrant. Ordinarily, oral interviews are scheduled in Sacramento and Los Angeles. However, locations of interviews may be extended as conditions warrant.

Eligible Lists: Eligible lists established by competitive examinations, regardless of date, must be used in the following order: 1) subdivisional promotional, 2) departmental promotional, 3) multidepartmental promotional, 4) servicewide promotional, 5) departmental open, 6) open. When there are two lists of the same kind, the older must be used first. Eligible lists will expire in from one to four years unless otherwise stated on this bulletin. In case of continuous testing examinations, names are merged into the appropriate eligible lists in order of final test scores (except as modified by veterans preference credits) regardless of the date of the test and the resulting eligible lists will be used only to fill vacancies in the area shown on the bulletin.

Promotional Examinations Only: Competition is limited to employees who have a civil service appointment. Under certain circumstances other employees may be allowed to compete under provisions of Rules 234, 235, and 235.2. State Personnel Board Rules 233, 234, 235, 235.2, and 237 contain provisions regarding civil service status and eligibility for promotional examinations. These rules may be reviewed at departmental personnel offices or at the information counter of State Personnel Board offices.

General Qualifications: Candidates must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgment, and ability to work cooperatively with others; and a state of health consistent with the ability to perform the assigned duties of the class. A medical examination may be required. In open examinations, investigation may be made of employment records and personal history and fingerprinting may be required.

Interview Scope: If an interview is conducted, in addition to the scope described above, the panel will consider education, experience, personal development, personal traits, and fitness. In appraising experience, more weight will be given to the breadth and recency of pertinent experience and evidence of the candidate's ability to accept and fulfill increasing responsibilities than to the length of their experience. Evaluation of a candidate's personal development will include consideration of their recognition of their own training needs; their plans for self-development; and the progress they have made in their efforts toward self-development.

High School Equivalence: Equivalent to completion of the 12th grade may be demonstrated in any one of the following ways: 1) passing the General Educational Development (GED) Test; 2) completion of 12 semester units of college-level work; 3) certification from the State Department of Education, a local school board, or high school authorities that the candidate is considered to have education equivalent to graduation from high school; or 4) for clerical and accounting classes, substitution of business college work in place of high school on a year-for-year basis.

For specific examination questions contact the Exam Analyst at (916) 327-2954.
TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service

